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Maple Syrup Production

Michigan maple syrup production was estimated at 91,000 gallons for the 2014 season, according to Jay Johnson, Director, USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. The 2014 maple syrup season was later and shorter than usual due to the lengthy winter. Overall, conditions were too cold for sap flow with limited days of favorable flow. 91,000 gallons were produced in 2014, compared to a record high production of 148,000 gallons in 2013. The season lasted 24 days, compared to 32 days in 2013, and 18 days in 2012.

Michigan ranked eighth in maple syrup production in 2014. Michigan produced about 3 percent of the total U.S. production. Total Michigan taps were 430,000, and the syrup yield was 0.212 gallons per tap. In 2013, Michigan producers had 48 percent of sales as retail, 23 percent wholesale, and 29 percent bulk. The average price per gallon in 2013 was \$48.80, down \$2.80 from 2012 price. With a value of production of \$7.22 million, 2013 doubles the \$3.35 million value of production in 2012.

The 2014 United States maple syrup production totaled 3.17 million gallons, down 10 percent from the previous year. In 2014, cold temperatures decreased season length. The number of taps is estimated at 11.4 million, down slightly from the 2013 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.279 gallon, down 10 percent from the previous season's yield.

All States with the exception of Pennsylvania showed a decrease in production from the previous year. Cold temperatures contributed to a shorter season of sap flow than last year. The earliest sap flow reported was January 10 in New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 8 in Wisconsin. On average, the season lasted 29 days, compared with 37 days in 2013.

The 2013 United States average price per gallon was \$37.40, down \$1.70 from the 2012 price of \$39.10. Value of production, at \$132 million for 2013, was up 77 percent from the previous season.

Maple Syrup: Production, Price, and Value, 2012-2014 ¹

State	Production			Average price per gallon		Value of production	
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2012	2013
	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>1,000 gallons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Michigan	65	148	91	51.60	48.80	3,354	7,222
United States	1,908	3,523	3,167	39.10	37.40	74,578	131,766

¹ The 2014 price and value will be published in "Crop Production" June 2015.